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SATURDAY, DEC 21, 1907.

Mr. Roosevelt's recommendation that the government pay the campaign expenses of the political parties has been fully discussed and endorsed by Mr. Bryan in the Commoner, but the proposition is so paternalistic and socialistic, that it has but little endorsement from democrats or republicans, either, says one writer. It is a great misfortune that Mr. Bryan seems determined to run a race with Mr. Roosevelt for the endorsement of all the political vagaries that either of them can invent.

The British naval authorities are said to be preparing plans for a warship 50 per cent greater than the Dreadnaught or with a displacement of 30,000 tons. Our naval designers have proposed to build a warship of 40,000 tons, which will cost \$20,000,000. When will this rivalry for the size and number of warships cease, or what will satisfy this craving for war preparations? In the end it must impoverish the people of all countries that strive for supremacy, for there is not only the vast outlay for building these enormous war engines, but the constant expense of keeping them in repair and in commission. Experience shows that in about ten years our finest warships a few years ago, are now but fit for the scrap heap. The limitation of land and naval armaments is something the world must soon agree upon, for it is senseless to tax people for the creation of that which is really useless.

When the legislature of Ohio in 1906 passed the 2 cent passenger rate bill, the railroad managers declared it was ruinous and confiscatory. But the official returns of all the railroads in the state for the year ending June 30, 1907, as figured by the Ohio railroad commission, shows a substantial increase over the preceding year. This increase is due to the elimination of free passes and excursion rates and the natural growth of passenger traffic. The result in the state of Ohio, however, is not a fair criterion for some other states, because it is traversed by interstate railroads from east to west which must increase the returns for passenger traffic. It is also a more densely populated state than many others ranking higher than New York or Pennsylvania perhaps with its well to do farming population. It would seem that the interstate commerce commission could figure out the cost per mile for passenger traffic which could be used as a standard for fixing the rates in each state as the Ohio commission has done for that state. Fair play demands that the railroads shall be allowed to charge reasonable rates that will provide fair interest upon the actual money invested, but no return on watered stock must be expected.

The practical politicians and party leaders are now investigating political conditions in the doubtful states. The democratic party must gain enormously to have any show of success. In the necessary doubtful states it must be united and receive the support of the independent voter to defeat almost anyone the republicans are likely to nominate. It requires 242 votes of the electoral college for a majority. The following figures show the certain democratic and republican states and those states that may be classed as doubtful and the number of electoral votes each has: Democratic states—Alabama 11, Arkansas 9, Florida 5, Georgia 13, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 9, Maryland 9, Mississippi 10, Missouri 18, North Carolina 12, Oklahoma 7, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 18, Virginia 12, total 166. Republican states, California 10, Colorado 5, Idaho 3, Illinois 27, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 16, Michigan 14, Nebraska 8, New Hampshire 4, Oregon 4, Pennsylvania 34, South Dakota 4, Utah 3, Vermont 4, Washington 5, West Virginia 7, Wyoming 3, total 189. Doubtful—Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Indiana 15, Minnesota 11, Montana 3, Nevada 3, New Jersey 12, New York 39, North Dakota 4, Ohio 23, Rhode Island 4, Wisconsin 13, total 137. The democrats to win, therefore, require 76 votes from the doubtful states. It may be said that Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri are also doubtful, but their strong democratic leanings will carry them into the democratic column. If you carefully consider present political conditions and past affiliations, you must select Delaware, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey and New York,

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with a total of 60 votes as the most favorable soil to cultivate. In the event of the republican factional fight in Ohio resulting in the nomination of Taft or Foraker, that state would undoubtedly be good fighting ground.

### HEARD IN PASSING.

At least Senator Foraker agrees with Representative Burton in holding that congress is a pretty good second choice.

At the rate things are going now the Ananias club will soon cease to be the exclusive organization it was soon after it started.

Ambassador Bryce did not go home mad. He has merely returned to tell his government how mad Ambassador Aoki was when he went home.

Having accumulated a comfortable fortune to invest, J. Ham Lewis proposes to get him a seat in the senate, where he can take care of the investment.

If the Cubans had known that the United States was going to shut down on lotteries and chicken fighting, they probably would have stayed peaceful and not had us intervening.

James J. Hill says that the railroads are thoroughly in favor of waterways. The complaint made against many of the railroads is that they are almost completely watered ways themselves.

### DAUGHTER MAY NAME BRYAN

Movement on Foot to Elect Mrs. Leavitt Delegate to Convention.

Denver, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan may be placed in nomination in the Democratic national convention by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, if success crowns a campaign now being made to elect her one of the Colorado delegation.

In her absence in Europe with her mother, with whom she sailed recently from New York, Colorado politicians of both sexes have seized upon Mrs. Leavitt as a popular candidate. Suffragists are elated by the possibility, remote though it may be, of a woman's voice being heard in a national political convention, for they hope that Mr. Bryan's daughter would not decline the honor of at least seconding his nomination, even though policy should demand that some orator present his name.

Mrs. Leavitt removed to Colorado from the south after the Bryans became reconciled to her marriage to her artist husband. She has been made much of by Colorado suffragists.

### MARRIED ON SKATES.

Bride With Rollers Meets Mishap in Pittsburgh Skating Rink.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Surrounded by 500 persons on roller skates, the Rev. C. L. Thurgood, pastor of the Central Christian church, himself on skates, with a bride and bridegroom facing him, also on skates, a unique marriage ceremony was performed at the Home-wood skating rink.

The bride was Miss Beniah Smith, the groom Wilbert Schandres. Mr. Thurgood at first declined to don the rollers because he feared the floor was too smooth. The management powdered the spot on which the ceremony was to be performed, and the preacher then consented. He stood the test all right, but the bride, just as she was about to reply to the words "honor, love and obey," shifted her foot and sat down amid the screams and roars of the hundreds of witnesses. The ring was again formed, and the minister finished the ceremony, after which the crowd began skating in a merry whirl about the minister.

Fish Held From Striking Harahan.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A warm verbal encounter took place at the annual meeting of the Illinois Central railroad between President Harahan and Stuyvesant Fish. In the end the meeting was adjourned in the manner Fish desired and in accordance with the order of Judge Ball to March 2, 1908. Fish was held from striking Harahan by Judge Farrar.

### Says Wilson Admits Killing Romer.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—George Wilson, alias Williams, the negro under arrest here in connection with the murder of Frederick R. Romer at Orange, N. J., made a partial confession of guilt, according to Captain of Detectives Donaghy. He says that Wilson admits killing Romer, but declares that he struck the man in self defense.

### Seek Resignation of De Armond.

Washington, Dec. 21.—As a result of the first fight on the floor of the house between the minority leader, John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and David A. De Armond of Missouri, pressure is being brought to bear on the latter by the friends of Mr. Williams to force his resignation from the committee on rules.

### Mitchell Calls For a Priest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—John Mitchell was taken ill while attending the joint conference of miners and coal operators at the Claypool hotel. He was taken to a room, and at his request a priest and a physician were summoned. He is resting comfortably.

### Mrs. Leah Gilman Dead.

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Leah Gilman, mother of Dona Gilman, victim of a sensational murder a year ago, died at her home here. Mrs. Gilman was twice charged with the murder of her daughter, but was exonerated by the grand jury.

### Boy Buried in His Snow House.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 21.—While playing in a snow house he had built the son of Bradford S. Palmer of Lee was buried under a foot and a half of snow when the roof caved in. When young Palmer was dug out he was unconscious.

### Call Mine Workers' Convention Jan. 21.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—The call for the nineteenth annual convention of United Mine Workers of America was issued from headquarters. The convention will meet in Tontion hall, Indianapolis, Jan. 21, 1908.

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